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1. ALTHOUGH OUR ORIGINAL PREFERENCE FOR THE SITE OF THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER MINISTERIAL MEETING OF 27 WAS VIENNA, IN VIEW OF APPARENT GROWING SUPPORT AMONG EC COUNTRIES FOR PARIS AND IN VIEW OF CONVERSATIONS SATURDAY WITH AUVAGNARGUES ON THIS SUBJECT WE HAVE DECIDED TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN SUPPORTING PARIS AS SITE. IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS OF PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT, AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL A, WE WOULD PREFER THAT YOU NOT RAISE THE QUESTION OF SITE. IF THE MATTER SHOULD COME UP, HOWEVER, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT OUR FIRST CHOICE IS NOW PARIS.

2. ON THE QUESTION OF CHAIRMANSHIP, WE HAVE INDICATED TO THE FRENCH THAT WE DESIRE A ROTATING CO-CHAIRMANSHIP TO BE SELECTED BY EACH SIDE FROM AMONG THE 27 PARTICIPANTS OF THE MINISTERIAL, AS OUTLINED REFTEL A, AND THE FRENCH HAVE SAID THAT THEY ACCEPT OUR POSITION. IN DISCUSSING

THIS QUESTION WITH HOST GOVERNMENT YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN OUR PREFERENCE, MENTION THAT THIS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH SAUVAGNARGUES, AND THAT THE FRENCH ARE AMENABLE TO OQR PROPOSAL.

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3. FOR LONDON: PLEASE TAKE FOREGOING INTO ACCOUNT IN MAKING REPRESENTATIONS TO HMG AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL B.

4. FOR VIENNA: IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHIFT IN OUR PREFERENCE FOR CONFERENCE SITE FROM VIENNA TO PARIS, PLEASE EXPLAIN TO THE GOA THAT WE REGRET VERY MUCH THE NEED TO CHANGE OUR POSITION ON THIS MATTER. WE HAVE

DONE SO ONLY AFTER FINDING THAT THERE WAS A RISING
TIDE OF SENTIMENT AMONG A NUMBER OF KEY COUNTRIES
SUPPORTING PARIS BECAUSE OF THE CRUCIAL ROLE THE
FRENCH HAVE PLAYED IN GETTING THE DIALOGUE GOING.

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